

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

**[0129]** An apparatus and method are provided to perform an insulation-displacement connecting operation and a cover mounting operation efficiently, and hence to improve a yield for insulation-displacement joint connectors having many contacts. The apparatus includes a press unit (200) with a slide unit (220) for carrying connection-assisting parts, such as a wire-checking device for checking a housing of an insulation-displacement joint connector, a wire pushing device and a cover holder. A wire checking operation, a wire pushing operation and a cover mounting operation are performed continuously by switching the slide unit (220) by means of a switching device (230) and successively driving the connection-assisting parts by means of one press (210).